

# CALENDAR *of events & festivals*

# 2002



## **Sarawak**

*A place like no other*





SOUTH CHINA SEA



# Sarawak Calendar of Events & Festivals 2002

## Introduction

Sarawak, the largest beautiful state in Malaysia is one exciting hidden adventure ground in Asia. With vast stretches of lush natural state, Sarawak is home to 27 ethnic groups living in perfect harmony with each with their own unique cultures and festivities. An exciting tropical wonderland of its own, it is hardly surprising for Sarawak to have a yearly calendar of events that will greatly interest and inspire everyone.

From the physically challenging sports activities to the traditional cultural events, Sarawak offers the best of both worlds to those seeking the exciting experience that combines tropical adventure with traditional cultures found in abundance here.

In Sarawak, there is always something for everyone - jungle trekking, mountain bike racing on mountain trails, white water rafting or even joining the festivities at a local indigenous longhouse simply enjoying the hospitality of the welcoming hosts.

For many who experienced the ever friendly hospitality in Sarawak, staying in the Iban, Bidayuh, Orang Ulu, Melanau, Chinese or Malay homes during cultural and religious festivals will bring home a lifetime fond memories to cherish. The colourful life of the Sarawak people in the state fondly known as "The Land of the Hornbills" will surely makes you want to go back there again someday.



26<sup>th</sup> January 2002



## Nanyang Wushu Golden Lion Dance Festival – Kuching

The perfect place to see Lion Dancing at its best, the annual Golden Lion Dance Festival is a dazzling display of the combined Chinese culture, martial arts and mythology as teams vie for top honours in this competitive event. Featuring acrobats dressed as mystical lions that make gravity defying leaps and bounds, they climb on swaying poles to the hypnotic rhythmic beating of drums and cymbals. A must during Chinese New Year, the Lion Dance is a unique display of the wonderful ancient art that is still widely practiced until today.

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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2002



## Malaysia Mega Sales Carnival - Official Launching Ceremony – Miri

The shoppers' dream come true, the launching of the 2002 Malaysia nationwide Mega Sales Carnival in Miri is a galore of shopping opportunities where all participating departmental stores and commercial complexes, designer boutiques and retailing outlets offer fantastic bargains and unbelievable discounts. The one month long carnival provides all round excitement especially to shoppers and bargain hunters.

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4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2002

### Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup – ITF International Jr Tennis – Kuching



With the prestigious Sarawak Chief Minister's Challenge Trophy up for grabs, the 7-day exciting junior tennis event is expected to attract 120 talented players aged between 13 to 18 from over 20 countries worldwide. Organised by the Sarawak Lawn Tennis Association (SLTA) among the countries expected to compete in the Group 5 status event are from the United States, United Kingdom (UK), Australia, Switzerland, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Uzbekistan, New Zealand, Nigeria, China and host, Malaysia. The spring board for future world class tennis stars, another leg of the prestigious event will be held in Miri sometime in October.

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31<sup>st</sup> March 2002

### Jubilee Park Run – Sibü



Home of legends about fairies bathing in a pool on the slopes of the famed Bukit Aup, the run is a challenging event fit for runners who slog up to the summit to finish the journey and to enjoy the panoramic views of Malaysia's longest river, the Rejang – from the top of the hill. For leisure seekers, they can opt to just mingle with the local crowds and buy souvenirs at the handicrafts sale and exhibition held in conjunction with the annual event.

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April 2002

### Pesta Kaul Oya, Dalat – Oya, Dalat



A celebration of games, cultural shows and traditional beach sport activities, Pesta Kaul Oya is thronged by thousands of lively residents of the coastal areas and its vicinities lined with vividly colorful decorated fishing vessels. A unique festivity where traditional cultural shows and rituals are performed, the Kaul festival is where you can mingle with the locals who will willingly share their rich traditional and cultural heritage. The fun activities that can be joined are the traditional Tibou or giant bamboo and rattan swing or even satisfying the appetite with the famed Melanau cuisine or at night watching the Melanau dance performances put up by the local communities.

The Organizing Committee

Oya sub District Office

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14<sup>th</sup> April 2002

### Jong Regatta – Bau



Water-sport enthusiasts converge to take part in this exciting water-based event in the scenic pristine surroundings of Bau, a calm and peaceful town once popular for mining. Participants including locals from all over look forward to this challenging event. Providing participants and spectators with sheer fun and excitement while enjoying the scenic beauty, hospitality and culture of the local people who lives harmoniously side by side.

Bau District Council

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19<sup>th</sup> April 2002

### Pesta Pulau Pasir Durin – Pasar Durin, Sibul



Huge crowds will gather Durin Market or locally known as Pasar Durin to watch and enjoy this flagship event of Sibul. The excitement of watching the line up of sports, music, food sale, culture performances, singing and other events is created when locals from all walks of life gather themselves in anticipation of social interaction and day-long entertainment.

Sibu Rural District Council

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20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April 2002

### Balleh Kapit Raft Safari – Kapit



A re enactment of a traditional adventure of the Iban community, the Balleh Kapit Raft Safari is a challenging two-day expedition where teams of brave men and women paddle a 50 km journey down the mighty Balleh and Rejang rivers to Kapit. First started in 1996, spectators will be thrilled as the rafters brave through raging rapids in bamboo rafts built by their own hands. Visitors will also witness the ethnic diversity and cultural heritage of the indigenous riverine communities. An overnight stay in a local longhouse provides invaluable insight into the lifestyle of the tribes that call the wild river their life-source and the rainforest their well cherished home.

Kapit Resident Office

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27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2002

### Pesta Kaul Mukah – Mukah



Come and celebrate the end of the monsoon and the start of the fishing season at Pesta Kaul Mukah. A celebration of games, cultural shows and traditional beach sport activities, the festivity attracts thousands of lively residents from the coastal areas and its vicinities even curious visitors alike. A unique tradition of the Melanau, it is a time cultural shows and traditional rituals are performed. This is where you can mingle with the locals who will willingly share their rich traditional and cultural heritage including fun activities like the Tibou or giant bamboo and rattan swing for the brave ones. A wide range of delicious Melanau delicacy is also served to satisfy the appetite for local food.

Mukah District Office

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1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2002

### 1st International Borneo Tattoo Convention – Kuching



To feature twenty eight of the world's top master tattoo and body piercing artists, the five-day international event aims to highlight and rekindle Sarawak's unique traditional art of body tattoo. Promising a fun and exciting time for everyone, participants and visitors can participate in historical forums on tattoo and culture, seminars, live concerts, ethnic traditional dances and competitions plus other exciting activities. Enjoy the good company of international renowned tattoo artists and catch a glimpse of Sarawak's unique cultural heritage in the warm and friendly pristine surroundings of Sarawak Culture Village – The Living Museum of this region.

Borneo Headhunters' Tattoo Studio

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1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2002

### Nanyang Wushu Kung Fu Festival – Kuching



The annual event where great and skillful exponents of Wushu – one of Chinese martial arts, meet every year and give the people the golden opportunity to watch veteran masters and youthful adherents practice the ancient art of self defense originated from the temples of China. The festival is a wonderful show of the traditional martial arts are still alive and thriving among the Chinese communities settling in Sarawak, making it very popular in Asia and throughout the world.

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4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2002

### Tidal Wave Festival – Sri Aman



A natural phenomenon uniquely found in Sri Aman, the locally known Pesta Benak or tidal wave festival has made the area a popular spot in Sarawak with brave boatmen are found to have rode the five foot waves as it hit the town's waterfront. For visitors, you can join the fun and hitch a ride with the longboats or just watch the boatmen brave the waves. You can even immerse yourself in the local culture at the food fair, good music and dance performances that are part and parcel of the festival.

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18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2002

### Borneo Blowpipe Challenge - Kuching



Challenge yourself to a blowpipe competition where only the skillful will reign supreme. This once a popular hunting way for game in the wildlife, it is nowadays a well accepted sporting event will seem easy to compete but the first time hands on experience will proved otherwise. An unlikely rigorous and yet demanding competition which local blowpipe sportsmen pit their experience, physical and mental skills against each other including curious visitors who are most welcomed by the friendly company.

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18<sup>th</sup> May 2002

### Gawai Tourism Night - Kuching



A colourful showcase of the prelude to Gawai Dayak, the Gawai Tourism Night held annually at the Sarawak Culture Village – the Living Museum, highlights Sarawak's ethnic groups and their unique cultures as well as traditions. It is the perfect venues for those wanting to savour local traditional music and dances as the drama based on the life and legends of the Dayaks unfolds. Guests are also invited to visit the respective traditional ethnic homes at the village where local drinks and delicacies are served.

Sarawak Culture Village

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18<sup>th</sup> May 2002

### Miri May Fest – Miri



Popularly known as the Oil town of Sarawak, Miri becomes even more lively during this colourful event. A parade through the streets will feature the friendly people of Miri in colourful costumes of the indigenous ethnic groups of Sarawak's northern region, plus the various Chinese communities. Spectators particularly visitors will be fascinated with the imaginative floats and traditional that feast the eyes. This is part of the attractions that make Miri the natural gateway to the tourist locations.

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25 - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2002

### Sea Kayak International Marathon – Kuching



Join the rest of the pack in this exciting water event and ignite your imagination! Grueling as it might sounds, the event sought to encompass quality adventure travel and enjoyment of the scenic coast. The route will take you to places of scenic beauty, cultural and natural features that have made Sarawak famous worldwide. You need to be in reasonably good physical condition and this is a good event to apply or develop your on-water navigation skills. The organisers are often exploring and scouting new routes and interesting destinations not listed in regular offerings making it a lifetime memorable experience.

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May/June 2002



### Sibu /Rejang River Festival – Sibu

This water-based festival and outdoor extravaganza is not to be missed by both locals and tourists alike where fun activities and cultural performances, music and dance groups are at their best. An enjoyable fun time meant for everyone, the festival provides thrills and spills for a memorable occasion with the hospitality of the people in Sibu giving you sweet memories to bring back home.

Sibu Municipal Council

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1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002



### Irau Aco Lun Bawang – Lawas

Immerse yourself in Lun Bawang culture as this proud and hospitable people celebrate the harvest in their own unique style embracing their special customs and traditions. The Lun Bawang inhabit the upper reaches of Baram but, these days, the focus of their festival is the town of Lawas, in the north of Sarawak. During Irau Aco you can witness the traditional music competition featuring bamboo instruments and dances. You can also find fascinating souvenirs of your visit at the handicraft exhibition where everyday items become works of art thanks to colourful and intricate designs.

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8<sup>th</sup> June 2002

### Borneo Mountain Bike Festival, Junaco Park – Sibü



To the pioneers, Sarawak is mountain bike heaven where you can chart your trails of discovery and still come out in one piece with an own exciting story in hand to the envy of others. With its very own riding native footpaths and disused logging roads over some very challenging terrain, this grand mountain bike festival in Sibü has its own international appeal making every efforts to join the exciting challenging event is worth every seconds of it.

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8<sup>th</sup> June 2002

### Malaysia Gawai Dayak Open House – Kuching



A holiday throughout Sarawak, Gawai Dayak is the start of the harvest festival and month long celebrations in longhouses and villages state wide. This is the ideal time to visit a longhouse and share in the local customs, dances and traditions. Be prepared to consume copious amount of tuak the potent rice wine that plays an important part in the celebrations. In the towns local people traditionally have open house during this festive season. The celebration is fervently felt by the people of Sarawak making all towns almost comes to a standstill when the Ibans, the largest ethnic group in the state, and other ethnic groups such as the Orang Ulu and Bidayuh celebrate Gawai. Relatives and friends are treated to tuak (rice wine) and traditional delicacies at 'open houses' in the longhouses. There is music and dancing and many take the opportunity to show their lovely ceremonial costumes during this fun-filled celebration.

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30<sup>th</sup> June - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2002

## 2nd International Nanyang Wushu Exhibition - Kuching



With many Hollywood movies showcasing the wonderful moves of the Chinese Martial Arts, the ancient art of self defense has become increasingly popular throughout Asia even after Bruce Lee first displayed his skills at the cinema. The development and its rich historical background are showcased in this annual exhibition for those enthusiasts and curious people alike. For visitors, this is also the time to see for themselves how skillful exponents show off their moves and the audience learns how the skills were developed in the various Chinese schools.

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12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2002

## Rainforest World Music Festival - Sarawak Cultural Village



The popularity of world music as the universal language of emotion is featured in this music festival that brings together singers and musicians from all corners of the world to the Island of Borneo, in a unique festival set against the backdrop of one of the world's oldest rainforests. First introduced in 1998, the event is about world music celebrated in the creative spirit of musicians of different ethnicities, backgrounds and musical traditions. The presence of international guest musicians add their talents to those of local Sarawak groups whose music, friendship and hospitality transcend beyond boundary. The longhouses and traditional native dwellings reproduced in the unique Sarawak Cultural Village will feature musical workshops, mini concerts, jam sessions, ethnomusicology lectures, dance workshops and children workshops by musicians from around the world.

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13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2002

#### 4th International Nanyang Wushu & Golden Lion Dance Festival - Kuching



Internationally acclaimed festival among local and visiting Nanyang Wushu exponents and Lion Dance enthusiasts, the annual event is dedicated to the ancient mystical art of self defence and the captivating lion dancing. For the curious visitors, the event where they can see for themselves the best live shows of acrobats dressed as mystical lions that make gravity defying leaps and bounds, they climb on swaying poles to the hypnotic rhythmic beating of drums and cymbals. It is must for Kung Fu enthusiasts who can see the wonderful display of ancient martial arts that is still widely practiced until today.

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20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2002

#### Sarawak Similajau Nature Challenge - Similajau National Park, Bintulu



Pitting man against nature, the event is one of the toughest outdoor sporting adventures in Sarawak with the venue - Similajau National Park near Bintulu, is the home of the world's biggest reptiles, the saltwater crocodiles. For the daring few, participating in this challenging event requires keeping up with the vigorous race and face the other challenges of this wild park. The challenge includes mountain biking and running in its jungle trails and canoe along its rivers with the start and finishing point is at the Park headquarters. While the national park trails are well marked, the jungle treks are renowned to be some of the world's best.

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3<sup>rd</sup> August 2002

### Closing ceremony for Food & Fruits Festival – Kuching



Being the largest state in Malaysia, Sarawak is rich in natural resources and a wide array of gastronomic delights. The fiesta-nationwide Malaysian culinary and fruits fare is delightful for it is the mix of flavours and sensations, reflecting the influences of the many races and ethnic groups in the country. Locals and visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to food and fruits. During this fiesta, plenty of opportunity for everyone to try out the fabulous range of Asian and international cuisine, as well as sample a variety of fruits, from tropical to temperate. Kuching City is selected as the venue for the closing ceremony of this exciting fiesta.

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4<sup>th</sup> August 2002

### International Triathlon Sarawak 2002 – Kuching

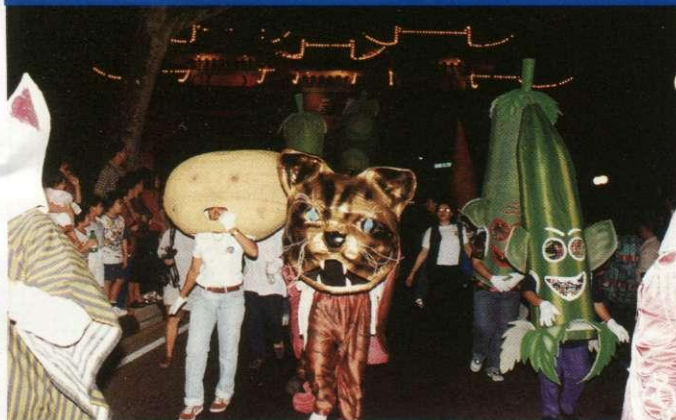


To onlookers, it is the toughest test of all-round outdoor sporting grueling fitness test similar to the Olympic course triathlon that include a 1.5 kilometer swim in the open sea, a 40 kilometer bike ride and a 10 kilometer run. Challenging enough only for the fittest, triathletes of all ages around the region gather at Holiday Inn Damai Beach Resort near Kuching for this grueling but colorful race. The scenic surroundings of Mount Santubong will give the participants and visitors alike the impression that the seaside attraction make the challenging event a worthwhile experience.

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1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2002

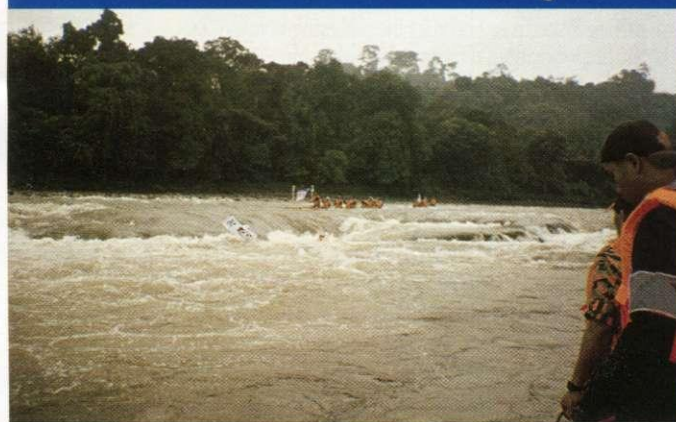


### Kuching Festival 2002 – Kuching

Kuching City or popularly known as Cat City to visitors becomes city of festivities for the whole month of August as Sarawak's capital city celebrates its elevation to city status and its citizens' love of festivity. Featuring street parades, food festivals, handicraft exhibitions and sporting events, there are more than one festivity for everyone. Even the internationally acclaimed Cat Show and Exhibition is a must for visitors to come where feline lovers converge with their cherished pets. For shoppers and bargain hunters, there will be special sales at the locally popular shopping area known as India Street Mall where there is more than what you have bargained for.

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24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2002



### Ulu Baram International White Water Rafting Challenge – Ulu Baram, Miri

The two day exciting event is very much looked forward by white water rafting enthusiasts both locally and from abroad. The centre stage for these water dare devils is the Baram River - Sarawak's second longest river and home to many of its interesting ethnic groups. The challenge is for the intrepid rafters to be at their best as they paddle downstream, negotiating rocks and rapids on the way. On the lighter side, the competitors can stay at the longhouses of the local people and sample the food and famed hospitality.

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2002



### Jet Ski and Kayak Meet – Kuching Waterfront

Are you an jet ski expert or a kayak enthusiast? No matter what your credentials are, come and take up the challenge in competing in the race held in conjunction with the annual Sarawak regatta. On your way to the finishing line, thousands of cheering and anxious spectators lining up at the Kuching Waterfront are all there for you. Catching the imagination of the local fanfare at the venue, the jet ski and kayak races are set to steal the limelight of the day.

The Organizing Committee

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7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2002



### Sarawak Regatta – Kuching Waterfront

The popular Kuching Waterfront becomes the gathering venue of thousands of people from all walks of life who come to witness this flagship event of Kuching City. It is an offshoot of the Baram Regatta that was originally a contest between traditionally huge war canoes bringing ferocious daring warriors travelling upriver. They were first held on the Baram River to settle local rivalries between disputing tribes without resorting to war and headhunting. The excitement of those warlike, bygone days is rekindled as the State's expert boatmen take up their paddles to prove their prowess. Much awaited by the locals, these days though, there is the added excitement of jet-ski and kayak racing with the exception of the traditional ferry boats or Perahu Tambang race that will definitely attract the crowd.

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6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2002



### Sarawak Safari-The CAN 4WD Ultimate Tour - Kuching & Sri Aman

For an unforgettable 8-day jungle outing for 4WD enthusiasts and visitors alike, the event piled high with the unexpected and anticipation is running even higher as the journey progress. Jeeps or 4x4 enthusiasts must trek down beaten long-abandoned logging roads, chased rocky trails through rivers and explored forgotten jungle landmarks. This fun-filled expedition will provide unprecedented opportunities to discover stunning backcountry of Sarawak while challenging your vehicle and meeting friendly locals.

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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2002



### 2nd Borneo X-Treme Games Challenge 2002 - Kuching

The centre stage for experts in skateboard, BMX and inline skating, the event venue is at the Kuching Water front, the popular address where people from all walks of life gathers to enjoy good company and watching good events. Extreme as it seems, the gravity defying moves by the competitors will very much reveal the hidden talents of this modern day sports. So popular among the younger generation, the event is participated by enthusiasts from all over Sarawak and attracting entries from neighbouring countries

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### National Trade Fairs – Sibü Old Airport



The event looked forward by locals and visitors, it aims to become the important and exciting sourcing ground in this region. Promising to attract a diverse group of products and service specialists, the displaying area can accommodate a good turnout. The participants are all eager to showcase their unique services and a wide range of consumer products.

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24<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2002

### Nanyang Wushu Drum Festival – Kuching



For Wushu practioners, to master the ancient art requires them more than just exponents of martial arts. They are also required to become expert lion dancers and rhythmic drummers as well. This drum festival features the exponents belting out mesmerizing rhythms on drums large and small, including a giant drum. This unique festival with all of its own attraction provides hours of excitement and entertainment for all.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2002**

**Bau International Raft Safari 2002 – Bau**



Not for the faint hearted, this event is one of the most popular of the many raft safaris held throughout Sarawak, partly because the course is within easy reach of Kuching City. Backed by the clear pristine waters, local and international rafters can look forward to enjoy the scenic 50 kilometers course that starts at Babel Bridge on Sungei Pedid and finishes at Wind Cave.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2002**

**Handicraft Week 2002 – Kuching**



With 27 distinct ethnic groups each with their own unique culture and arts, Sarawak is justly famed for its local handicrafts. From the much-prized hand-woven pua kumbu blankets to woodcarving, beadwork, baskets, pottery and everyday items turned into art works by local craftsmen, these handicrafts are on sale at exhibition in Kuching. You can also learn how the handicrafts are produced as craftsmen and women give demonstrations of their skill.

Sarawak Craft Council

Ministry of Tourism

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21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2002

### Borneo Cup International Motorcross Championship - Bau

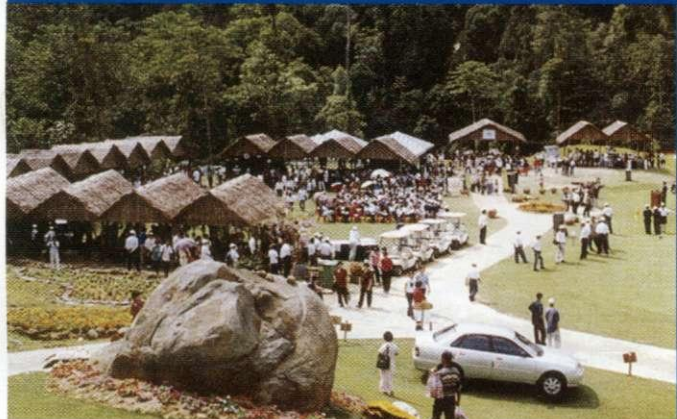


An annual event where local and visiting enthusiasts of motorcross racers gather to pit their skills and guts in conquering the demanding Krokong dirt track and rugged course. The shattering roar of the competing racers will set the pulse of even the onlookers themselves. The locals and their visiting competitors will have more than just a hard time conquering the rough and undulating track much as the intensity of the race gets, there is still the friendly hospitality of the local Bidayuh people to welcome visitors.

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All year round

### Malaysia Flower Show - Borneo Highland Resort Kuching



Growing in popularity, the Borneo Heights which about 1 1/2 hours drive from Kuching is the land of eternal spring in the midst of tropical jungle. The flower show features part of Borneo Heights gold course turning into a carpet of flowers - temperate as well as tropical and not forgetting orchids. To the visitors particularly the shutter bugs this is a time not to miss. Not to be missed by flower enthusiasts, the venue and the time is right for them to update knowledge with others or perhaps to add more to the existing collection. To the rest, a time to enjoy cool and fresh air and a magnificent panoramic view of the surrounding lush tropical forest from the mountain top.

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## Getting There

Kuching International Airport has several flights a day from Kuala Lumpur. Malaysian Airlines has several daily connections between Sarawak's main towns as well as local rural services. For details contact your local travel agent.



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